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H. CON. RES. 317

Requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CLEAVER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, and for other purposes.

Whereas, in the year 2005, the people of the world suffered many calamitous events, including devastation from tsunami, terror attacks, war, famine, genocide, hurricanes, earthquakes, political and religious conflict, disease, poverty, and rioting, all necessitating global cooperation, compassion, and unity previously unprecedented among diverse cultures, faiths, and economic classes;

Whereas grave global challenges in the year 2006 may require cooperation and innovative problem-solving among citizens and nations on an even greater scale;

Whereas, on December 15, 2000, Congress adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should issue a proclamation each year calling upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe an international day of peace and sharing at the beginning of each year;

Whereas, in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 56/2, which invited “Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all the peoples of the world to celebrate One Day in Peace, 1 January 2002, and every year thereafter”;

Whereas many foreign heads of state have recognized the importance of establishing Global Family Day, a special day of international unity, peace, and sharing, on the first day of each year;

Whereas Congress desires to express and demonstrate its appreciation to the citizens of the more than 100 countries who offered aid to United States hurricane victims, to make tangible efforts to reverse the growing mistrust of the United States, and to improve relations with others; and

Whereas family is the basic structure of humanity, thus, we must all look to the stability and love within our individual families to create stability in the global community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress urgently requests the fol-
 3 lowing:

4 (1) That the President issue a proclamation an-
 5 nually calling upon the people of the United States
 6 to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace
 7 and Sharing, a day which is dedicated—

8 (A) to eradicating violence, hunger, pov-
 9 erty, and suffering; and

10 (B) to establishing greater trust and fel-
 11 lowship among peace-loving nations and fami-
 12 lies everywhere.

13 (2) That the President invite former Presidents
 14 of the United States, Nobel laureates, and other
 15 notables, including American business, labor, faith,
 16 and civic leaders, to join the President in promoting
 17 appropriate activities for Americans and in extend-
 18 ing appropriate greetings from the families of Amer-
 19 ica to families in the rest of the world.

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